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## NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR THE UNCOMPENSATED CARE POOL

You are receiving this notice because our records indicate that you are currently eligible for, or enrolled in a MassHealth or other insurance program that may also allow you to get some health services paid for by the Uncompensated Care Pool (UCP). The Uncompensated Care Pool is now called the Health Safety Net (HSN). The Health Safety Net helps pay for services at hospitals and community health centers in Massachusetts. New laws have changed certain parts of the HSN. Please read below to learn about how these changes may affect you.

## **Patient Co-payments for Prescription Drugs**

- Beginning on March 3, 2008, you may be charged a fee of either \$1 or \$3 for prescription drugs from a hospital pharmacy or a health center pharmacy if the services are paid for by the Health Safety Net. The \$1 fee applies to generic drug prescriptions, while the \$3 fee applies to brand name drug prescriptions.
- Children will not be charged a fee for any prescriptions paid for by the Health Safety Net.
- You cannot be charged more than a total of \$250 for any of the fees or co-payments listed above, per person in any Health Safety Net fiscal year. Please keep track of your receipts to show if you reach this amount.

## **Questions about HSN**

If you have questions about this notice or the Health Safety Net, please call the HSN Customer Service Center toll-free at (877) 910-2100 from 9AM to 5PM Monday through Friday.